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Supervising Deputy Probation Officer Charged With On-Duty Assault of Teen

A supervising Los Angeles County probation officer has been charged in connection with an assault of a teen inmate at Sylmar Juvenile Hall last year, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Supervising Deputy Probation Officer Sergio Cano (dob 9/25/71) was charged in case BA454703 with one count of assault under color of authority. He pleaded not guilty to the charge and was ordered to return to court on April 11 for a preliminary hearing setting.

District Attorney Jackie Lacey commended the Probation Department for referring the matter to her office and being cooperative with the investigation.

"The Probation Department's current leadership has demonstrated a commitment to reform and accountability," she said.

Deputy District Attorney Ann Marie Wise of the Justice System Integrity Division is prosecuting the case.

On April 25, 2016, Cano is accused of ordering an assault on a teen inmate who suffered moderate injuries. The incident was videotaped, prosecutors said.

If convicted as charged, Cano faces a possible maximum sentence of three years in state prison.

The case remains under investigation by the Los Angeles County Probation Department.

About the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office

Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to protecting our community through the fair and ethical pursuit of justice and the safeguarding of crime victims' rights.